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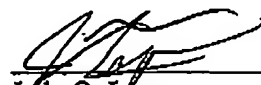
Applicants certainly appreciate the Examiner's time during our recent interview on July 11, 2006. During the interview, an agreement was reached on language which would put the claims in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to reflect the agreed upon language.

Claim 1 has been amended to specify the recess is located between the seal and a locking element groove of the cylindrical bearing pin 17. This amendment adds no new matter. Support for this amendment can be found in the Specification on page 7, Lns. 14-22, page 8 Ln 1-page 9 Ln. 3, and figure 1. In figure 1, the recess is now further described as being located within the area between the seal 31 and the groove for the race or ball 33. These "balls" are used to lock cone 23 to the bearing pin 17, hence the term "locking element" is claimed. Therefore, as defined by Applicants, the location of the recess is excluded from the portion of the cylindrical bearing pin's outer surface which extends forward of the balls 33.

Ippolito's hollow recess is not located in the same area as the recess claimed by Applicants. Rather, to the contrary, the hollow recess of Ippolito is located forward of the balls 15 of Ippolito's Figure 1. As discussed above, this portion of the bearing pin's surface is specifically excluded from the location of Applicant's recess.

Accordingly, as agreed upon by Examiner Thompson, all claims are now in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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